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FROM EAGLEBURGER FOR HABIB

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP YO (MOJSOV, LAZAR)
SUBJ: MOJSOV'S "PROTEST"

REF: USUN 2126

1. I HAVE JUST READ REFTEL AND AM OUTRAGED BY THE MANNER AND CONTENT OF MOJSOV'S REMARKS TO AN OFFICIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. MOJSOV AND GOY MUST BE MADE AWARE IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF BEING LECTURED TO IN SUCH A TONE ON THE STATE OF OUR INTERNAL SECURITY, MUCH LESS CHARGED WITH COMPLICITY IN CRIMES AS MOJSOV SO FLAGRANTLY DID. MOJSOV'S UNCONSCIONABLE IMPUGNING OF OUR POLICE AND SECURITY ORGANS, NOT TO MENTION, BY IMPLICATION, OUR GOVERNMENT'S LEADERS AND POLICIES, MUST BE STRONGLY, QUICKLY AND DEFINITELY DEALT WITH.

2. A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CALL IN BELOVSKI IMMEDIATELY AND FORCEFULLY CONVEY TO HIM OUR GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT MOJSOV'S REMARKS.

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WE SHOULD DEMAND AN APOLOGY FOR MOJSOV'S ALLEGATION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT CONNIVANCE IN THE CROATIAN PLANE HIJACKING INCIDENT AND GROSSLY OFFENSIVE STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES "STAGE" AN ATTACK ON HIM OR ANYONE ELSE. NOR SHOULD WE ACCEPT MOJSOV'S BROADER POINT THAT "GOY KNOWS WHO CRIMINALS ARE AND SO DOES USG". HE SHOULD BE TOLD

THAT GOY CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS: WHEN WE DO NOT PROVIDE SECURITY COVERAGE THEY SCREAM: WHEN WE DO PROVIDE IT THEY SCREAM JUST AS LOUDLY, AND INSULT US IN THE BARGAIN.

3. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT ME TO LODGE A STRONG PROTEST WITH THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALONG THE LINES OF THE FOREGOING.

4. WHILE THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE LEGITIMATE CAUSE FOR CONCERN FOR THEIR SAFTY IN THE U.S. AND ELSEWHERE, MOJSOV'S BEHAVIOR AND COMMENTS IN THIS INSTANCE BORDER ON THE HYSTERICAL. OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY TO YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATS AND DIPLOMATIC INSTALLATIONS IN THE U.S. ARE CONSIDERABLE AND PROVIDED IN GOOD FAITH. THE YUGOSLAVS SEEM FUNDAMENTALLY UNABLE TO COMPREHEND THAT THE USG CANNOT AND WILL NOT ENGAGE IN A WHOLESALE VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION SIMPLY TO ASSUAGE THEIR PARANOIA.

5. BUT WHAT IS MOST SHOCKING ABOUT MOJSOV'S PERFORMANCE IN THIS INSTANCE IS HIS APPARENT BELIEF THAT HE CAN ADDRESS THE U.S. -- SUPPOSEDLY A FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT -- IN SUCH A DISGUSTING AND TENDENTIOUS MANNER AND GET AWAY WITH IT.

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